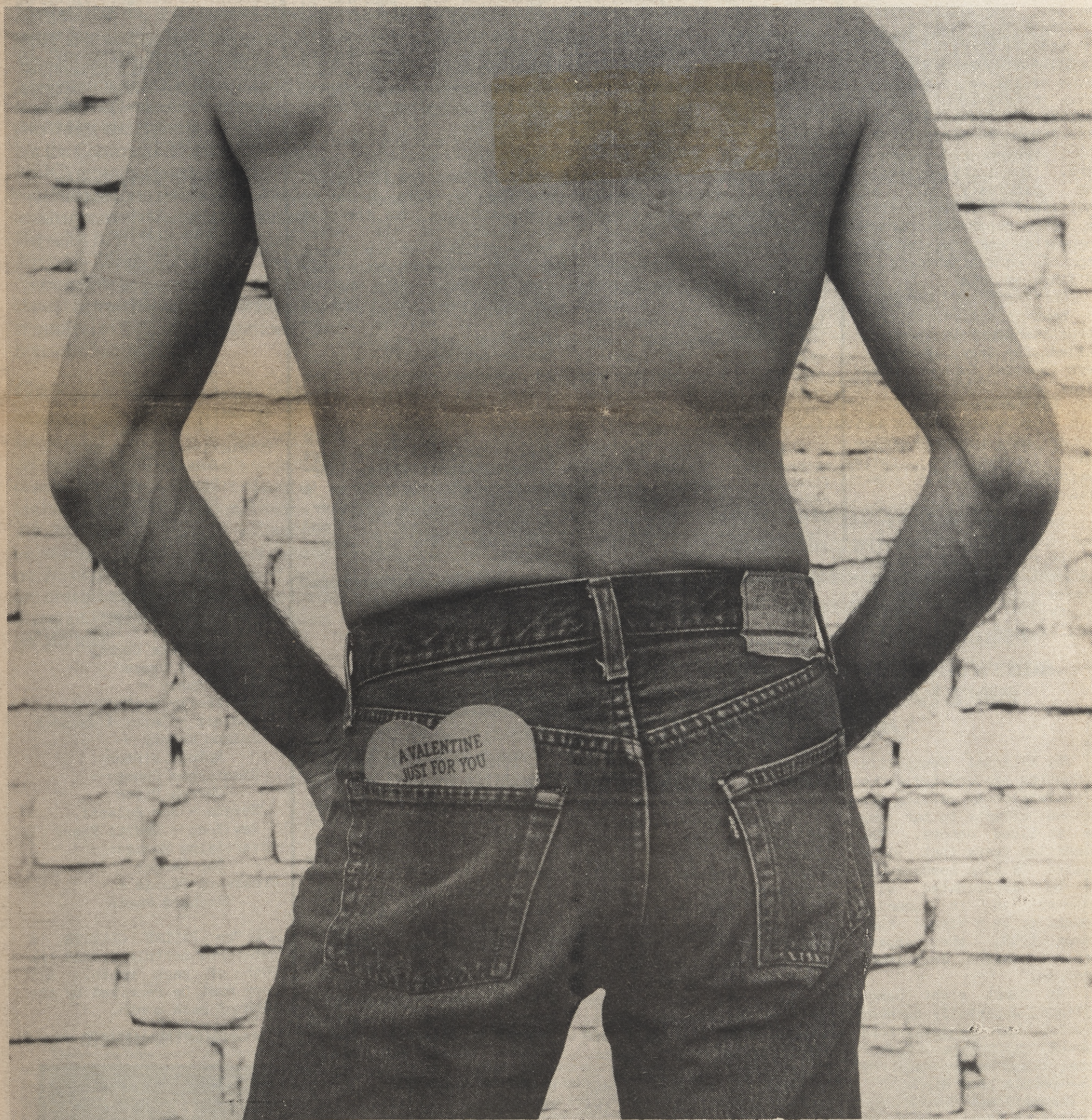


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# EDITORIAL

## A Gay Paradox

by Michael W. Allerton

We view the role of the PATLAR GAZETTE as a bridge between the women and men of gay communities located in the cities, towns, and rural areas throughout America. We support the institutions and systems that have been developed and those that are currently being developed that enhance the quality of gay life. One such system is the Court.

We want it known that we support the Courts wherever they are located in this country. They provide a mechanism for gay people to meet, socialize, engage in dialog relative to gay issues, and, generally, to get things done that have positive benefit for gay people.

The PATLAR GAZETTE does not endorse specific individuals for Court office because we are not a political paper in that sense. We do support, however, ALL individuals who participate in a Court system and make it work. Publicity concerning the candidacy of any individual will be provided in our paper if it is requested and the information is communicated to us in finished form.

Sacramento is fortunate to have an active and constructive Court in operation called the Great Northwestern Imperial Empire, Rawley Hills Court. We support it and the persons who put so much of their time and energy into securing office and discharging their responsibilities after election to office.

Let us say, too, that we are extremely appreciative of the support that has been reciprocated to us by the Rawley Hills Court and other Courts. We salute you! And, we thank you.

Recently, while talking with a friend about possible accommodations for a vacation I was planning, I was met with the comment, "I didn't know those were gay places." When I answered that they weren't, he countered with, "Well then, why go?" This pointed out a confusing paradox to me: the gay community--a community that strives for freedom and independence--still has an over-anxiousness to conform, robbing itself of all kinds of diverse experiences and ultimately of our own individualities.

I am reminded of when I first came out. I received not only a lot of comforting support from my friends, but also some threats to my independence, sometimes in ways not so readily seen as threats. The threats ranged from comments about now having to get 501 jeans and a hair cut to honest expectations of personality changes and action on my part contrary to who I am. At times I wondered who was more oppressive, the society I was leaving or the one I was coming out to.

Do not misunderstand me. I am fully aware of the importance of a separate identifiable gay community. Its merits speak for themselves. But we must be careful not to stifle any individuality by a subtle, unrecognizable pressure to conform to that community.

Each of us has two areas of responsibility. First and foremost is the responsibility to ourselves as individuals. Many people I've run into will frequent

only gay bars, gay restaurants, gay businesses, etc.

Again, it is good to support your community but not to the extent of cheating yourself of the myriad of great places to see, stay, and experience in this world. Furthermore, this attitude may leave us open for exploitation and financial rip-offs. Also, to take on attitudes, appearances and values--cloning yourself when it's not really you--is possibly the worst violation to your independence and self-respect.

Our second responsibility is to the gay community. We must be extremely careful not to force those around us into conforming; and perhaps hardest of all, we must all develop an acceptance of those who are "gay but different from us." We can never be accepted until we ourselves are truly accepting.

As gay men and lesbian women, we have made a substantial leap for individual freedom by just declaring our sexuality; but the need to belong and the basic insecurities that are common to all people threaten that very freedom. Only when we recognize that the opposing forces of wanting to be ourselves and needing to belong can co-exist, will we be able to come out of the closet and stay out of a box.

Michael W. Allerton is a Health Educator for a large hospital facility in Northern California. He is a frequent seminar speaker, workshop leader, and counselor to the gay community.

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## Big Blood Brouhaha

The National Hemophilia Foundation has created quite a hullabaloo by calling for serious efforts to bar gay men as blood donors. The Foundation fears that blood donated by male homosexuals may be contaminated with whatever it is (usually thought to be a virus) that causes AIDS, the rampant acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

At least eight hemophiliacs, apparently heterosexuals, have recently contracted AIDS-type infections, and over half of those people have died.

Hemophiliacs depend upon a blood product known as Factor VIII, a clotting agent. This product, a blood-plasma derivative, is

prepared from the pooled plasma of thousands of donors, both straight and gay.

Blood-bank scientists and various gay organizations have reacted with anger to the Foundation's recommendation. The scientists feel that there is no scientific basis for the recommendation, and the gay organizations view it as being discriminatory.

In some areas of the country, homosexual people, considered as a group, represent major blood donors. To exclude them would be to diminish critically needed blood supplies. To take the steps necessary to identify them for exclusion would invade the privacy of many people.

Apparently the National Hemophilia Foundation's recommendation is not popular with some other blood groups. The Council of Community Blood Centers, the American Association of Blood Banks, and the American Red Cross have all indicated that their blood banks would neither ask donors if they are homosexuals nor exclude them because of it. However, one company which buys blood plasma at centers in many cities, Alpha Therapeutics Corp., this month began requiring prospective blood donors to sign a statement that they are not, among other things, male homosexuals.

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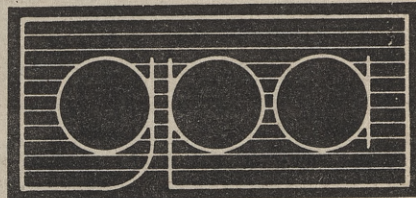
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# An open letter to the gay community on hepatitis B

## Hepatitis B, a serious disease, may be sexually transmitted

Sexually transmitted diseases among the gay community are epidemic. Herpes has recently received a lot of attention; gonorrhea and syphilis are well known; but the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently issued a major recommendation for the prevention of another sexually transmitted disease: Hepatitis B. In their *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, the CDC stated: "Susceptible homosexually active males should be vaccinated [against hepatitis B] regardless of their age or duration of their homosexual practices."

## Gay men are at a high risk of contracting hepatitis B

In one study, from 51% to 76% of 3,816 gay men seen in five sexually transmitted disease clinics had evidence of past or present hepatitis B infection. Once infected, there's a 6% to 10% chance of becoming a carrier—capable of passing on the virus. The CDC estimated there are nearly 1 million carriers in the United States and that 100,000 of these carriers are gay men.

## The hepatitis B virus can be passed on by contact with contaminated body fluids

such as saliva, urine, semen, and blood. The hepatitis B virus can be transmitted through tiny breaks in the skin or contact with mucous membranes. This can occur during intimate sexual contact and can lead to hepatitis B for the partner of an infected person. Although most patients recover and over half contracting hepatitis B do not get symptoms, there is no specific treatment and no known cure for hepatitis B infections.

## Hepatitis B may lead to even more serious complications

For those who do get symptoms of hepatitis B, a mild or severe "flu-like" sickness may continue for weeks or months. Ten percent of all infections become long lasting (chronic) with potential complications that are sometimes more serious than those of other sexually transmitted diseases. The serious complications include the chronic carrier state, chronic active hepatitis, chronic persistent hepatitis, cirrhosis, and even cancer of the liver. Every year almost 4,000 carriers die of cirrhosis. In addition, carriers have a risk 273 times greater than that of the general population of contracting a usually fatal form of liver cancer.

## Now this serious sexually transmitted disease is usually preventable by vaccination with the new hepatitis B vaccine

After more than a decade of research and development, a new vaccine is available for prevention, *not treatment*, of hepatitis B. In clinical studies, the vaccine was highly effective in preventing hepatitis B infection and was generally well tolerated. No serious adverse reactions occurred in these studies.

The vaccination regimen consists of a series of three injections, the first two a month apart and the third, six months after the first. To be effective, the vaccine must be given before a person gets hepatitis B. The vaccine helps prevent the disease: It is *not effective as a treatment*. We suggest that you consult your doctor to determine if you should be vaccinated.

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about hepatitis B and the  
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### Why you should consult your doctor or clinic

The vaccine helps protect against infection caused by hepatitis B virus. This virus is an important cause of viral hepatitis, a disease mainly of the liver. Even mild forms of this disease may lead to serious complications and aftereffects, including liver cancer. There is no specific treatment for viral hepatitis.

Vaccination is recommended for persons who have a higher risk of becoming infected with hepatitis B virus because of frequent, close contact with infected people or exposure to body fluids from such people. It will not

protect against hepatitis caused by viruses other than hepatitis B virus.

No serious adverse reactions were reported in over 6,000 individuals receiving the vaccine in clinical trials. The most frequent reaction was soreness at the point of injection; less common local reactions included redness, swelling, warmth, or formation of a hard, lumplike spot. The local effects were usually mild and lasted no more than 2 days after vaccination. Occasionally, low-grade fever (less than 101 °F) occurred. When it did, it usually lasted no longer than 48 hours following vaccination. In

rare cases, fever over 102 °F was reported.

More generalized complaints including malaise, fatigue, headache, nausea, dizziness, muscle pain, and joint pain were reported infrequently. Rash was reported rarely. As with any vaccine, broad use may reveal additional adverse reactions.

Your doctor or clinic knows what special care must be taken when administering the vaccine and in determining who should receive the vaccine. The vaccine is not intended for persons who are allergic to any of its components.



# MISCELLANEA

In Bozeman, Montana, a man named Mr. Miller attacked what he mistakenly thought were two gay males kissing, but the person he actually assaulted was a woman. He admitted punching and kicking the woman, pleaded guilty to aggravated assault, and was sentenced to a two-year suspended sentence. Mr. Miller admitted that he had consumed a half case of beer and was "pretty drunk" when, he said, "I thought I saw two gays kissing, so I punched one." Mr. Miller is obviously one real swell guy.

In Houston, a youngish man whose severed penis was reattached last year has regained completely normal urologic and sexual functions, according to the surgeon who did the operation. The complicated operation required using a powerful operating microscope and special thread one-third the thickness of an eyelash and took seven hours. The surgeon said fewer than 10 penis replants have been written up in the medical literature. Is anyone else looking forward to what is obviously the next step--a penis transplant? Isn't medical science wonderful?

In Sacramento, the California State Department of Fair Employment and Housing has decided not to act on the first known complaint charging job discrimination based on transsexuality. A Vietnam veteran and former sheriff's deputy--as a man--charged that she was passed over for a job as a security guard because she is a transsexual. After having obtained a legal opinion that state law does not protect transsexuals in their jobs, state Senator Greene, D-Sacramento, is reputed to be considering introducing legislation to outlaw such discrimination. Go to it, Mr. Greene.

In Arlington, a real fun organization--which overwhelmingly approves (in a most decidedly negative fashion) of blacks and jews, (not to mention homosexuals and their various and sundry carryings-on)--known officially as the National Socialist White People's Party, but better known simply as the American Nazi Party--is now as of January 1, 1983, known by the even simpler title, The New Order. Got that? By all means, let us keep things simple.

In San Diego, Ms. Bruce, a former enlisted seaman (seawoman? sealady? sealassie? One wonders why the

Navy persists in being so imprecise, when we can all come up with at least a dozen preciser titles than "seaman." Unfortunately, most of them probably would be equally frowned upon because, despite their precision, they really aren't very nice.) recently changed her mind--which females of whatever calling or persuasion have a traditional prerogative to do. Last Fall, Ms. Bruce told a naval hearing that she wasn't a lesbian. Now, after being formally discharged from the Navy with an honorable discharge, she has decided that that she is a lesbian after all; furthermore, she intends to fight, in court, the military regulations that prohibit homosexuality among members of the armed forces. Good luck, Ms. Bruce; we're on your side.

Along the same line, in St. Louis just this past week, Mr. Lemons lost his appeal for a conviction under the Arkansas sodomy statute. He and another guy, whose name we don't know, apparently got caught not too long ago carrying on in a T-Room in a national park of all places. A U.S. District judge found Mr. Lemons guilty. Mr. Lemons appealed. The appeals court was decidedly unsympathetic, indicating that Mr. Lemons' sexual conduct in a T-Room in a national park, of all places, was not constitutionally protected. Perhaps we should demand a constitutional convention.

In San Francisco, Mayor Feinstein, poor beleaguered dear, is in hot water again. You may recall that last December she upset a lot of nice folks, mostly homosexuals, by vetoing domestic-partners legislation. Now, slightly over a month later, a group called the White Panthers (whom a lot of nice people, straight and gay, don't particularly like), have gathered enough signatures to force her, probably, to face a terribly costly recall election in late April. The WPs are upset with Ms. Feinstein's efforts to ban handguns in her city.

In San Francisco, a Gallup poll shows that in the last five years American attitudes about gays have hardly changed. Forty-five percent of the persons polled said that sex between consenting adults should be legal, while 39% said it should not. In 1977, 43% were pro and 43% were opposed to consensual adult sex. Fifty-nine percent say gays should not face job discrimination (56% in 1977). That's a relief.

In Norway, persons not Norwegian residents who are in stable gay relationships may legally apply for work permits. These permits are given to persons who are lovers with a resident or non-resident who has held a permit seven years or longer. Under Norwegian law, for the purposes of issuing work permits, gay relationships are equivalent to heterosexual marriages. Norwegians are sweet.

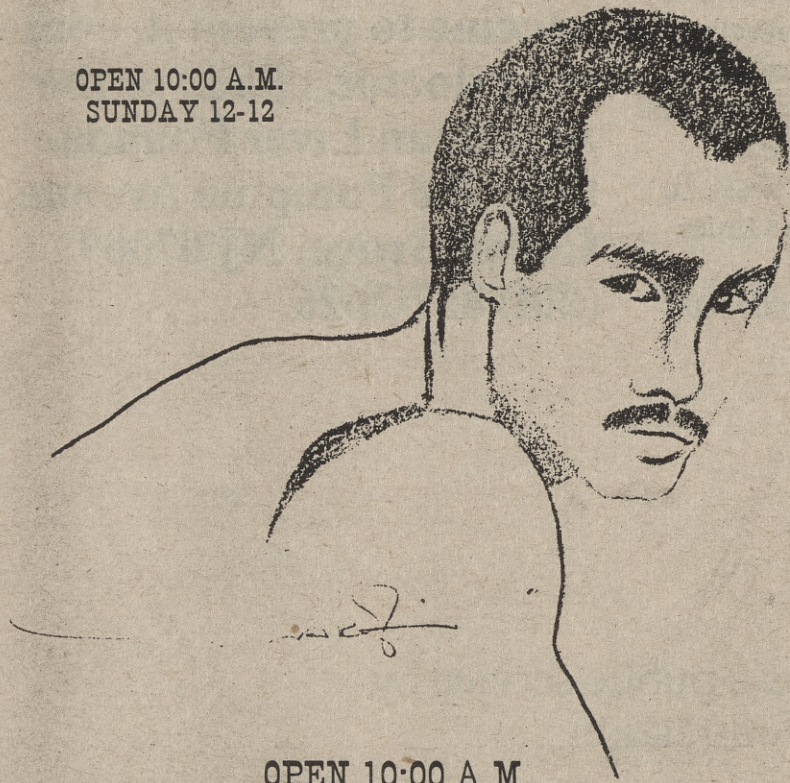
In Tucson, the chief psychiatrist at Boston's Massachusetts General Hospital (which isn't in Tucson and never was) reported that sex after heart attacks helps speed recovery. The good doctor maintains he said that returning to an active sex life after a heart attack improves chances of returning to work and socializing. He attacks the myth that sex is dangerous for heart-attack survivors and describes it as "one of nature's finest tonics." Anybody for a gin and tonic?

In Los Angeles, the California Supreme Court has been asked to strike down a state law requiring registration of convicted sex offenders. An attorney for an L.A. man, Mr. Reed, convicted of soliciting lewd conduct in a T-Room, a type of behavior which a lot of nice people tend to look down on, has challenged the law on the grounds it violates privacy rights and constitutes cruel and unusual punishment. He also contends this requirement is unfair in cases that do not involve children. Could be.

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by Dr. Pat Larr

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**PISCES** (Feb 19 - March 20) - Things are going to get very tricky for you in the next couple of weeks. Tricks to the right of you and tricks to the left. Whether you wind up with that magic trick or just a card trick is all up to you.

**ARIES** (March 21 - April 20) - Jupiter, the good luck planet, moves into your House of Communications the first of the month. Use your powers of persuasion to talk that special someone into something or out of something (like his/her clothes).

**TAURUS** (April 21 - May 21) - That clandestine meeting you've been planning could be dangerous right now. The wrong people may find out. Don't get caught with your pants down.

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 20) - You've got a rough trade to make in the next two weeks--love or money. Venus puts pressure on your House of Work, so expect piles of paperwork on the job, but you may want to chuck it all for that cute little number who only has eyes for you.

**CANCER** (June 21 - July 22) - Mars and Uranus, the movers and shakers of the cosmos, give your sign an extraterrestrial jolt the next two weeks by sending a lot of heavenly lobbies your way. Wait until you get a load of the Big Dipper.

**LEO** (July 23 - Aug 23) - Don't put off those car repairs any longer. You'll look better with a shiny crankshaft and feel better after a lube job. You may find a humpy repairman who'll rotate your tires for you.

**VIRGO** (Aug 24 - Sept 22) - An old flame from the past wants to rekindle a few sparks. Don't burn the candle at both ends. Remember, only you can prevent forest fires.

**LIBRA** (Sept 23 - Oct 23) - Here's a switch--someone turns on your love light, but you're in the dark about her/his motives. Go for it. It could lead to a megawatt romance.

**SCORPIO** (Oct 24 - Nov 22) - There's a lot of hanky-panky going on in your sign starting the first of the month. Wear an orange hankie and you'll be up for any kind of panky.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23 - Dec 21) - Now is the time for a major re-evaluation in your life. Examine your finances. Where you are; where you're going. Who you're going with; and most important, who you're coming with.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 21 - Jan 20) - You're particularly vulnerable right now to criticism. Can't you stay out of the headlines? Avoid hasty remarks and gossip. If you're into backbiting, do it only in bed.

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Sincerely,  
The Two of Us

Dear Two of You,

I suggest you ask Clyde if he picked them up quite by accident without remembering where, or if he truly needed them and was embarrassed to ask to borrow. In the former situation, he'll probably be relieved to be able to return them to their rightful owners. In the latter situation, offer to help by saving your castaways for him in the future.

Dear Uncle Jay,

Please advise me how to tell a close friend that he has bad BO because of his heavy boozing. Thanks.  
Timid Timmy

Dear TT,

If you're truly a "close" friend, and you're not timid, don't be afraid to tell him directly. If you're not so "close," or if you're timid, clip this column and send it to him, preferably Special Delivery, through the mail.

Dear Uncle Jay,

My lady and I have been together for a short while. She's a boozier and a heavy one at that. How can I tell if she has a real alcohol problem?

Worried

Dear Worried,

There are danger signals and definite signs to watch for. Does she drink only some of the time? Does she function on a full-time job? Does she only drink in social settings? Can she quit when everyone else does? If the answers to all these questions are "no," then it's off to Al-Anon for you if you really love her; or if the relationship is shallow, you should desert a sinking ship and go on to better things.

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## COLORADO, NEBRASKA, and WYOMING

The central Nebraska college town of Kearney can now boast about having a gay bar, apparently its first. Called Trader Jacks, it is open every night except Sunday. Thursday and Saturday nights are reported to be the busiest in this music and dance bar.

Tri-State Lambda's chapter in Laramie can now be reached by mail by writing to P.O. Box 1401, Laramie, WY 82070.

Tri-State Lambda's next function will be Friday, January 28—a dance at the Isaak Walton Hall in Cheyenne, WY. The dance

will start at 8 pm and continue to midnight. The music will be new at this function...T.S.L. members will bring the tunes and "DJ" the evening. Non-alcoholic drinks will be provided or you may bring your own. There will be a \$1.00 per person admission charge.

In February, T.S.L. and the Fort Collins Gay and Lesbian Alliance will team up and co-sponsor "Together Again," a Valentine's Day Dance at the Lincoln Community Center in Fort Collins, CO. The dance will be on February 12, a Saturday night.

## LAKE COUNTY

Hello out there from Lake County. We had a great New Year's Eve Party at the Cabaret, attended not only by our local people, but a large out-of-the county contingent as well. Who knows, maybe by this summer they'll stop saying, "...Where in the hell is Clear Lake?"

While the valley areas have been fogged in, we've had beautiful clear weather, temps ranging from the low sixties during the day to the low 70's. Any of you out there who've been curious to come and see our beautiful lake and mountains should be glad to know that right now you almost can't afford not to come. Some of the nearby resorts are offering overnight accommodations for as little as \$9.95 per person, double occupancy; \$16.50 for a single. What did you pay for a room at your last gay country weekend? If you'd like further info, give us a call at the Cabaret (707) 998-1169. Don't ask me how we got that phone number. It just happened that way.

We've been saying all along that we felt this beautiful lake-resort area

would fast become a popular gay spot, and it looks like everything is happening at once. Two wonderful guys from the Los Angeles area have purchased a large restaurant and bar right on the lake about a half mile from the Cabaret. It will be known as "The Bungalow" and will be open already sometime in February. Their excellent chef's name is "Art." The Sunset Point will have its bar and restaurant open by sometime in the Spring. So, this summer when you all come up to play, we'll have three places to drink and two places to eat out.

Any of you who have been thinking about a little weekend place to buy for the future better hurry up and buy while real-estate prices are low like they are now. Many already have and are glad they did.

We're planning a Valentine's Day party in February; and, of course, there will be a St. Patrick's Day bash to end all bashes in March. More on that later. In the meantime, we wish one and all a happy and healthy 1983.

## NEW ORLEANS

For several years now, the GAYFEST Board of New Orleans has been struggling with producing a festival designed to coincide with the nation's Gay Pride Week during the month of June. During the past, there have been highly successful celebrations for the commemoration of pride in New Orleans; however, because of Mardi Gras, there has been less participation because of the astounding amount of work that goes into creating the gay balls and elaborate costumes for Fat Tuesday.

Recently, the Board voted to change the date of this event to the Sunday before Carnival Day (Mardi Gras), February 13, 1983. The reason for this decision was that at this time of the year, there are always thousands of gays in New Orleans from all over the world. The local gays will have an even better chance to show off their pride to a larger audience, both gay and straight, and the countless hours spent on costumes, parties, etc. will not have to be duplicated in June.

This tradition has been established during a time of

the year when the creativity, efforts, and handiwork of gays are highly visible, yet seldomly attributed to the community which so lavishly devotes itself to the spirit of Mardi Gras. By celebrating Gay Pride Day at this time of the year, we acknowledge ourselves as a viable constructive power in New Orleans.

This year we commemorate our self-recognition and pride with the slogan "Alive and Aware," with the symbol of the Lambda and the Crescent, reminding us of who and where we are.

Mardi Gras has traditionally been a gay extravaganza, and the decision of the Board marks a first for the New Orleans community to literally "take the bull by the horns" and focus pride in the work done throughout the year by various organizations, culminating in what has become known as the "Greatest Free Show On Earth."

New Orleans, the city that care forgot, invites gays from all over the world to visit and revel in the culmination of an entire year of pride by gays in the Crescent City.

## CHICO

Heigh Ho!

A belated Happy New Year to all of you from all of us in Chico.

Parents and Friends of Gays held a great pot-luck dinner for the final meeting of the year. It was held at Harlan's on December 19th, and the guest speaker was Mayor Mardi Worley. It was really refreshing to listen to such a warm, vibrant woman are her views on a number of timely topics, including her most liberal stand on Gays and Lesbians in this community. She listened attentively to all our comments concerning city politics and answered questions with sincerity and wit. A lovely lady and one I'm sure we'd all back should she choose to run for office again.

A real plus was the presence of Harlan's son, Martin, and his friend, Marcio, home for the holi-

days from Mexico where they both reside. They both gave a lot of insight about the prejudice against Gays and Lesbians in Mexico. There are no meetings such as ours allowed there. In fact, any attempted gathering would immediately be suspect and anyone involved would undoubtedly be placed under surveillance. All in all, the day was a great success and our thanks to the three terrific guest speakers who made it so.

The next meeting of Parents & Friends of Gays will be held January 16. Our guest speaker will be Edy Roberts of Planned Parenthood. Of course, everyone is welcome. Also, the new "hotline" is now listed in the Chico phonebook under three separate listings: Social Services, Gays, Lesbians. That number is (916) 891-5718.

That's about it for now.



# FOCUS ON PHOENIX

By Barry Alexander

The year 1982 was a busy and notable year for the Phoenix gay community. As one well-placed friend of mine said, as 1982 drew to a close, "Phoenix has come out of the closet and closed the door behind it forever." It certainly was a year of great visibility for many people and organizations in the city.

Nationally, Phoenix definitely made its presence felt. 1982 saw the election of the National Gay Press Association secretary from Phoenix, Reno and its rodeo fans saw Tish Tanner of Phoenix selected Ms. National Gay Rodeo. Phoenix was also the site of the Great Outdoors National Convention. Many young Phoenix gay olympians took honors at the Gay Games in San Francisco. These along with a host of other honors put Phoenix on the map proving once and for all "we are here."

But what does Phoenix offer to the gay people of its city and others? There are now 22 bars at last count ranging from country, levi-leather, and dance, to women's bars and bars for the sophisticated. There are two types of gay restaurants with varying menus, prices, and services. Phoenix is also the home of two Metropolitan Community Churches, one in the city and one in suburban Tempe on the Arizona State University

campus. There also is one of the finest of its kind gay community centers. The gay community of Phoenix boasts an excellent gay theater troupe, men's chorus, 2 newspapers, and a directory. There has been an influx of visible gay businesses from art, cards, to clothing and accessories. Several all-gay apartment complexes exist also. The year 1982 saw formation of a very active Arizona Gay Bar Owners Association.

Phoenix is a city of many contrasts with people from all nationalities and backgrounds. As America's 8th largest city, people from all over America are finding Phoenix young and vibrant, with wonderful weather most times of the year. The relaxed lifestyle of the city has attracted gay people of all professions and age groups to come to Phoenix. Once they arrive they call it home.

I hope in future issues of the PATLAR GAZETTE to describe in more detail the bars and activities so gay people of varied tastes and interests will find something that attracts them.

I hope the readers of this fine publication will find "Focus on Phoenix" interesting, enlightening, and entertaining. And I hope your travel plans in the future will include this sunny southwestern city. If so, see you there. Until next time.

# RENO

The Knights of Malta, Western Chapter, of Reno, is one of eight chapters of the Knights of Malta (including Seattle, Portland, Spokane, Salt Lake City, Denver, Vancouver, and Fresno). Our main purpose is the brotherhood of man--sharing like interests (such as wearing levis or leather)--and a devotion to the concept of helping our fellowman. The original chapter of the Knights of Malta, the Jet Chapter of Seattle, was set up some 10 years ago, choosing the name "Knights of Malta" because, like the Knights of Malta of olden days (the original Catholic Order of the Isle of Malta), we believe in aiding the helpless and needy.

Each chapter of the Knights of Malta must be incorporated in its respective state and must proclaim its own special charity at that time. Once year we meet in a different selected city for a joint meeting and convention, and each chapter must show what it has done for its community or show cause why it has not done so. At our last joint meeting, we agreed that any chapter can now have women members if it so desires. The Denver Chapter now has two women members.

In Reno, our special charity--our pride and joy--is helping our senior citizens. Twice a year we sponsor a dinner for them at the Senior's Care & Share Center. The food is prepared by the staff at the Care & Share Center and is served by the Knights of Malta members and volunteer guests from the Gay community who donate their time. After the dinner, the Knights and their volunteer guests clear the tables, bus the dishes, and prepare the Seniors for a fantastic show with lavish costumes, humor, and fun, and a complete evening of entertainment called "Fantasy Follies" put on by Jack-E and Company of Reno.

Prior to the floor show, the President of the Knights of Malta, Western Chapter, makes a short speech from

the stage, presents a bouquet to the Director, Mary Drager, introduces members and volunteer guest, and presents a check to the Seniors. A check is presented twice a year during both the Spring and Winter shows. After the show, all the Knights wait in the foyer for our senior citizens to file out so we can wish them good night.

Two questions are often asked regarding the Western Chapter Knights, such as:

(1) How do you raise money for your Senior Citizens?

Answer: Through garage sales, auctions, shows, benefits, and donations. We are a relatively small chapter in Reno. Sometimes people in the Gay community feel negative about men wearing levis or leather or belonging to or associating with any kind of a "bike" club, and won't bother to show at our fund raisers; therefore, even though we are not able to give as much as we would like, we give what we can--and the government gives the senior citizen three dollars to every one we donate.

(2) Are you a religious Catholic group?

Answer: No. we are of many faiths, and every member practices his own faith. We are not a group of a religious nature nor do we preach or practice religion within our club. The name "Knights of Malta" was selected because of our original charitable goals, and special permission was granted from the original catholic order to use the name as a charitable club not of a religious nature.

In closing, the Knights of Malta, Western Chapter, sincerely wishes to thank all of those in and out of the Gay community who came out on December 16 to help us serve, for donating funds, and for appearing at our functions to raise money for Senior Citizens--it SHOWED YOU CARED.

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Stanislaus Gay Alliance is a support group for area gays and friends of gays which provides activities and services to men and women 18 years of age or older. For additional information write P.O. Box 5163, Modesto, CA 95352.

S.G.A. on T.V.

Representatives of the S.G.A. Speaker's Bureau will appear in a six-to-eight-minute segment of Modesto Area Magazine. The show will be aired the following times:

Thursday January 27 - 6:30 pm Channel 4 (cable)  
 Saturday January 29 - 7:00 am Channel 19 (UHF)  
 Saturday January 29 - Noon Channel 4 (cable)  
 Sunday January 30 - 10:00 am Channel 4 (cable)

Support for S.G.A. can be shown by viewing the program and then writing a sort letter to: Valley Video Network, P.O. Box 4605, Modesto, CA 95352.

January Events:

23 Sun General meeting will be held at the Cafe Decadence at 6 pm, located at 521 McHenry Ave., behind the Nest. Kray Johnson will conduct a presentation and discussion on "The Current Status of Gay Rights."

On-Going Events:

Sun Metropolitan Community Church, phone (209) 578-3694, worship service, 10:00 am, 800 E. Morris, Community Center auditorium.

(1st & 3rd of each month) Tue Gay/Lesbian Catholic support group meets for worship & socializing. For information or counseling call or write Father Richard Forti at (209) 634-5432, P.O. Box 219, Turlock, CA 95380

# MERCED

Metropolitan Community Church holds worship services in Merced each week on Thursdays. The services are held at the Boy Scout Club House in Applegate Park beginning at 7:15 pm.

For more information, contact M.C.C. by phone or through the church office-- 1115 K Street, Modesto, CA, phone (209) 578-3694.



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## ERNIE BROWN

### Views from River City

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THANKS TO THE RIVER COMMUNITY.

JUST BEYOND THE PARKING LOT. IT'S GOING TO BE A BIG ONE. I WILL KEEP YOU POSTED. MARCI, I HEARD THAT YOUR KICK-OFF/GET-ACQUAINTED-WITH-YOUR-DUKE-&-DUCHESS-CONTESTANTS PARTY WAS A BIG SUCCESS. JIM LAIDLER, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR DAILY LUNCHES AT THE CLUB 21. PEOPLE ARE PRAISING YOUR TENDER MORSELS. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. CHARLIE, (DUCHESS III, SF) REMEMBER TEQUILA IS MEXICAN FOOD. RIGHT EPOLOITA?

ERNIE'S PREDICTIONS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 1983. RANDI WILL UNDERGO, LATER THIS YEAR, A SEX CHANGE IN ORDER TO MAKE SHAVING EASIER. MISS IRENE WILL SUE SOUTH TAHOE FOR INCONVENIENCING HER IN '82. AUNT ROSE WILL HAVE ROSE BUSHES PLANTED AT HER NEW APARTMENT. FOR BALANCE. MIKE L. (BROADWAY LTD) WILL MOVE TO RENO TO SAVE BUS FARE. JOHN (CLUB 21) WILL HAVE A TOPAL ATTACK. ANNA (MERC) WILL BECOME MONOGAMIST. LAKISH (MERC) WILL MARRY A WHITE WOMAN. FRED H. WILL BE APPOINTED JUDGE. DON L. WILL GIVE UP SEPARATORS. TERRY SIDEE WILL BUILD A GERIATRICS WARD RIGHT NEXT TO HIS PRESENT BAR. THE MERCANTILE PATIO WILL BECOME A GARDEN OF PARADISE. THE CLUB 21 WILL ADD 10 MORE VIDEO GAMES IN THE OTHER ROOM. FRANK HOLT WILL BE THE NEW DOORMAN AT THE BROADWAY LTD. HARRY-O AND LALA (BDWY LTD) WILL BECOME ROMANTICALLY INVOLVED; THEY JUST CAN'T SEEM TO FIGHT THE FEELING. MARC WILL START USING PREPARATION-H, FOR LIPSTICK. ELIZABETH TAYLOR WILL ADOPT BOBBETTE. LEON (WRECK ROOM) WILL BECOME AN 'ALVIN AILEY' FEATURED DANCER. BRUCELLA WILL OPEN A LOVELORN PARLOR. WELL, THAT'S IT FOR '83.

HOLD IT! HOT OFF THE PRESS!!! I JUST LEARNED DETAILS ABOUT THAT NEW BAR I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT. WELL, IT'S TRUE. HERE IT IS: OPENING FEB. 18, THE FORUM LOCATED AT 2045 AUBURN BLVD. IT'S THE OLD ZORBA'S. IT WILL BE OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. FULL-LIQUOR BAR, DANCING, DISCO, AND A HUGE PARKING LOT. MY CONGRATULATIONS GO OUT TO RANDA & CAROL. BEST OF LUCK GIRLS. REMEMBER, YOU HEARD IT FROM ME FIRST. IF YOU EVER HAD THE TENDENCY TO 'BARE IT ALL,' YOU WILL GET YOUR CHANCE TO DO IT AT THE BARE-IT-ALL BAILL, THURS., JANUARY 27. NOT ONLY THAT, BUT YOU'LL GET PAID TO DO IT, IF YOU SHOULD WIN. FIRST PRIZE \$150, SECOND PRIZE \$50. THIS ALL WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE POWER PLANT, STARTING AT 8 PM. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY. SEE YA, ERNIE.

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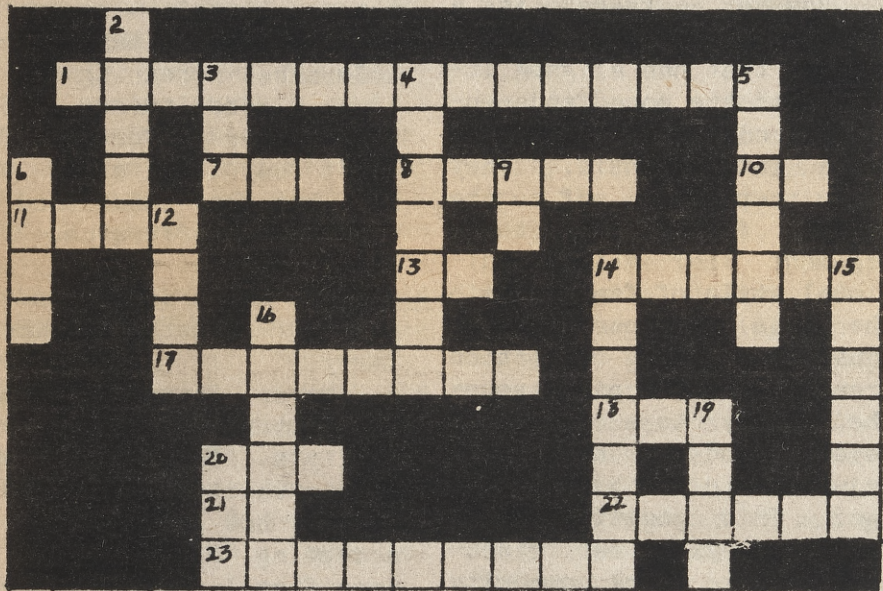
Across:

1. Anyplace where it is easy to locate a sex partner, or where all the sales are in a large department store.
7. What a guy is looking for, or opposite of woman.
8. What a guy is looking for in #7 above, but more serious about.
10. A doctor's credential or whom you see when you update your shot record.
11. Poppers: \_\_\_\_\_ nitrite.
13. \_\_\_\_ call home.
14. A gay who is a close confidant of another.
17. Pleasure that is "low down and good," also refers to one who looks like he would be real good in bed; all hell could break loose and you would do anything.
18. Having a good time.
20. To make advances toward, to drag on a joint, i.e., take a \_\_\_\_.
21. Form of the verb "to be."
22. A big cock, also known as timber.
23. Religious euphemism for masturbation.

Down:

2. Sex Session, orgy.
3. British slang for "Blow Job," or an American term for "leg."
4. Cum (Come) drops, or what one loads a gun.
5. Slang for "tomorrow." Also a type of fruit mistaken as a vegetable.
6. A word which means gay slang, gay action, harmless ridicule, or an activity in which one uses a tent.
9. What you may catch when you get #7 across and don't visit #10 across.
12. "Liquid ejaculation," gobs of semen.
14. Slang for a job, or gig. Also a short or limited fight.
15. Another name for a dildo fun.
16. Eyeing other men (women) anywhere/anytime.
19. Slang for women's breasts: also called nips, buttons, dinners, nobs, ninnies, piggies, puppies, or strawberries.

by Richard Maple



Solution on page 17

by Ed. E. Kett

Dear Mr. Kett,

I have a lesbian friend who's dying for me to take her to a leather bar. I've taken her to other men's bars, and we always have a great time. However, I'm nervous about taking her to a leather bar. I, myself, feel awkward enough when I go to a leather bar because I can't afford even a leather vest, so I stand out like a sore thumb. I figure it will be even worse if I have a woman tagging along behind me. Do you think I should attempt to take her to a leather bar?

Yours,  
Marshall

Dear Marshall,

By all means you should attempt to take your woman friend to the leather bar. But just as a lesbian bar caters to those of the feminine persuasion, a leather bar caters mainly to those with hair on their chests. You should be prepared for some harassment, I'm sorry to say (not all gays are as liberated as one would like to think). In most cases, though, a woman who is well behaved (I suggest she wear pants) will have no problem--just as a well-behaved man will generally have a good time in a woman's bar. In fact, it has been my experience that many of those hot hunks in black leather are relieved to see a friendly, out-going woman exploring their bar because it gives them a chance to drop their carefully calculated poses and show how animated they can be when talking to someone who isn't going to ask them if they're top or bottom. And by the way, surely a studded, black-leather cockring is within your meager budget.

Sincerely,  
Edward Endicott Kett

Dear Ed. E. Kett,

Since you seem to be such an expert on kissing, I've got a question for you. I often entertain a straight friend of mine, Michael, and his lovely wife, Elaine. When bidding my gay friends adieu, I never hesitate to kiss them good-bye. I would never dream of giving my friend, Michael, a farewell kiss, but somehow I feel I should bestow a kiss on his wife, Elaine. On the other hand, I'm afraid that Michael will misinterpret this gesture. He might think I'm not so gay as he thought I was. I love them both very much, they're such a cute couple, but I wouldn't want a simple peck on the cheek to cause a rift between us. What do you think would happen if I gave Elaine a good-by peck? Do you think Michael would slug me and tell me to get my hands off his woman?

Always,  
Lars

Dear Lars,

Surely if Michael has known for a long time, he's not going to go off the deep end because you've given his wife a chaste, social kiss. He may even be flattered that you find his wife such a charm. I'm sure, too, that Elaine will give you a quick kiss on the cheek in return. And as for Michael, if he's very mellow (or very drunk), he might accept a brotherly hug from you; otherwise, you'll have to butch up your act and give him a hearty handshake.

Yours truly,  
Edward Endicott Kett

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## Is Aids Related To Voodoo?

A study recently published in the prestigious New England Journal of Medicine reported that a group of Haitians treated in New York City for AIDS had no history of blood transfusions, drug abuse, or homosexuality, the three means by which the dreaded and often deadly syndrome is believed to be transmitted.

The Haitians studied consisted of a group of ten hard-working people, six of whom have now died. The men in the group had only one wife each, no one in the

group used drugs, and all members of the group were heterosexuals.

The study speculates that AIDS, which does not seem to be endemic to the United States, may have been brought to this country by vacationing homosexuals. The study also suggests that scientists and social scientists should study various factors in Haiti for clues about sources of the immune-eroding syndrome. Suggested factors were drug use, toxic environment, and sexual and religious practices (including voodoo) which involve blood transmission.



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# PEOPLE OF COLORE

by DeWitt Hoard

Perhaps you've had the opportunity to overhear black male youth rehearsing one of their endemic heterosexual courtship rites known as "playing the dozens," or wantonly hurling tension-releasing epithets at one another such as "sissy" and "punk." However, a fight to the finish would surely ensue were any one of them to think the other was seriously questioning his manliness.

Homosexuality is almost never discussed in black families. It appears that in addition to adopting the white community's style of family life and religious ceremony, the black community also acquired its Victorian attitude about sex. And in spite of the sexual revolution's liberating influence on society at large, the black community lags in its position.

The black family is surprisingly accepting of its minority sexuality offspring, but not necessarily supportive. Mother, who is responsible for providing the emotional fiber that holds the family together, takes the lead in expanding the family's definition to include its errant member. Her attitude is often: "You may be a homosexual, but you're still my child."

Father, on the other hand, keeps his distance from the situation except possibly to support Mother in her initial shock and her

pursuant loyalty to their child. Father seems to feel more threatened by the situation and may silently brood about having produced an aberrant offspring. Of course, Mother goes through this self-derisiveness as well, but seems nevertheless to be able to function as expected.

Siblings' attitudes vary. Female siblings seem to be more accepting than males. Males usually identify with the situation undertow and act out the parents' unresolved feelings.

The church as the bulwark of the black community has the most significant script in the homosexual drama. Its position is equivocal and complex. Traditionally, the church has viewed homosexuality as incompatible with the teachings of the Bible, thus causing the family much consternation when it learns it has a child of such persuasion. On the other hand, the church renders solace and support to the family as it bears its hapless burden.

The church has the capacity to close its eyes to its gay members' lifestyle as long as the members remain closeted. Rev. Renee McCoy, pastor of the Harlem Metropolitan Community Church, states, "If black lesbians and gay men are willing to check their sexuality at the door of the church, and come bearing gifts of talent, there are

relatively few problems." But rejection is a certainty for those who attempt to be "up front," which leads Rev. McCoy to write, "They are given the option to change or leave."

Yet the church balances a fine line when it assumes such a fundamentalist position. James Tinney, national director of the Pentecostal Coalition for Human Rights, writes, "Pentecostalism is the 'earthly heaven' for sissies (and closeted homosexuals) of all types...If our churches were to instantly get rid of the homosexuals in them, they would cease to remain 'Pentecostalist.'"

In all fairness, there are a few black ministers who are beginning to take a more enlightened view on the subject. Rev. Emanuel Cleaver of the Southern Christian Leadership Council (SCLC) in Kansas City has been quoted as saying, "Blacks cannot afford to be a part of any movement which threatens any other group's rights. The homosexual issue is too complex to conclude anything. We don't know the cause. The Bible offers some strong statements, but any Bible scholar would tell you even that is inconclusive."

However, there is a group within the black community that has aligned itself with the more fundamentalist mode of thought, the black intelligentsia. They are proponents of the nuclear family. In their argument for this traditional style of family with the male as head of the household, any deviation from the norm predisposes the family to a course of poverty and is insidiously injurious to the black male ego. This position easily feeds the myths that circulate in the black community which help cast homosexuality as villainous.

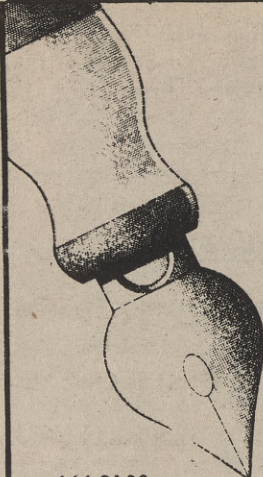
Dr. June Butts, family therapist, in her article entitled "Homosexuality--Is it a Threat to the Black Family" (Ebony, April 1981), enumerates these myths for examination. Two of the more pervasive of these

myths are as follows: White people cause homosexuality to occur in the black community, and Homosexuality will halt the birthrate of black children, or at least slacken its pace appreciably.

Dr. Julius Johnson, a black gay clinical psychologist in San Francisco, studied the black gay experience for his dissertation, and is quoted in the Advocate (July 1, 1982) as summarizing the problem thus: "...the black community sees the gay community as a white community, and any black, while he may be a good role model in the gay community, has his commitment and his contributions constantly questioned--so his impact as a role model diminishes."

There is another group appearing on the scene who are actively supporting gay-rights issues. This group are the elected officials who have sizeable gay populations among their constituencies. Foremost is Marion Barry, Washington, D.C.'s black mayor. In an interview with Advocate reporter Larry Bush (September 1982), Barry acknowledged that his liberal attitude on gay-rights issues departs from the traditional stance of the black community. However, Mayor Barry sees a tolerance appearing in his black constituency that wasn't there before. "They don't say they agree with me, but they understand it, which is a difference. They say, we're not at that point, which is an indication of growth," comments Barry.

Mayor Barry has summarily captured the black community's feelings toward homosexuality. It understands how others can be accepting of homosexuality, specifically in the area of gay rights, but it is not yet at the point of accepting homosexuality as an alternative lifestyle for the black community. Homosexuality is still viewed as outside the positive institutions that support black family life and community.



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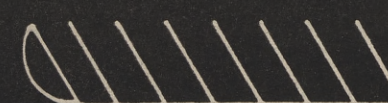
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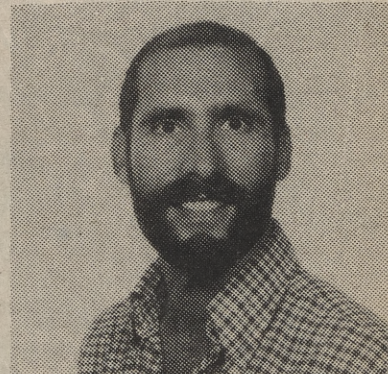
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## Our Greek Heritage

By Carl Goebel

Modern society prides itself in claiming as its cultural parent the society of ancient Greece--the society of Homer, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, the Olympic games, classical science, philosophy, classic art and architecture, and model democracy. But along with its love of Athens, there has pervaded in our society an irrational dread of one prominent aspect of that invigorating Greek culture: the love relationship between persons of the same sex. In the past, historians, anthropologists, and archeologists conveniently avoided the subject as much as possible. But today, the wealth of materials regarding our rich past is finally being studied in a reliable scholarly manner and brought to light. A fine example of this trend is the book hailed as a landmark study, Greek Homosexuality (1978), by the distinguished classical scholar Kenneth J. Dover. Here are some things he relates...

It was a characteristic Greek concept that sexuality in general involved a relationship between an assertive senior partner and a subordinate junior partner. So the gay relationship of the Greeks consisted of a senior partner called an erastes ("lover") and a junior partner called a pais ("boy"). The name of this relationship was "pederasty" (pais + erastes), and it was not regarded as in any sense inferior to the love relationship of a man for a woman. No dishonor was attached to this type of love.

It was a social institution as well developed, defined, and accepted as any other in ancient Greece. And just like marriage for producing offspring, the gay relationship had social rules and its own system of etiquette to be followed.

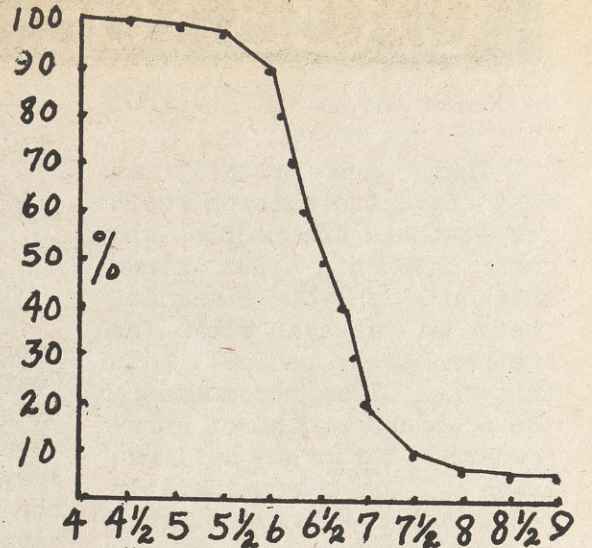
Its moral guidelines, as a matter of fact, were not much different from those that governed straight relationships of respectable nineteenth century British society.

A good Athenian boy, like the ideal Victorian woman, would not openly seek sexual intercourse or even appear to desire a relationship. But if a man of good character and ability asked to be his lover, obtained the consent of his father, displayed patience, tact and modesty in all his dealings with the youth, and ultimately obtained his own consent, thereafter they were steady lovers and the youth would have sexual intercourse with him whenever he wished. The suitor would not at any time directly allude to the sexual aspect of the relationship and the boy would not outwardly enjoy it or take the initiative in it, but would appear to accept it because he loved and respected his admirer and because it was his duty. The junior partner would not speak to his friends of what they did in private, nor would the senior partner, if he were a gentleman, speak of it to his.

Although this social attitude towards homosexuality is a vast improvement upon the conception in contemporary society, it was by no means perfect. Reciprocal erotic desire of gay partners belonging to the same age group, for example, was virtually unknown in Greek homosexuality. And it was a disgrace if the assertive partner in a relationship turned out to actually be younger than the subordinate partner! The only way a sexual relationship between males of the same age could have any social acceptance was if one of them took the role of the passive gay partner. Well, since this was the situation of nearly 3,000 years ago, it can optimistically be considered a good start.

## MEASURING UP

A recent Kinsey Study of college men with erections (sounds like a fun study) produced the data displayed at right. Please notice that despite all the traditional BS about "at least 8 inches," over 50% of the men studied had a measley 6 inches or less!



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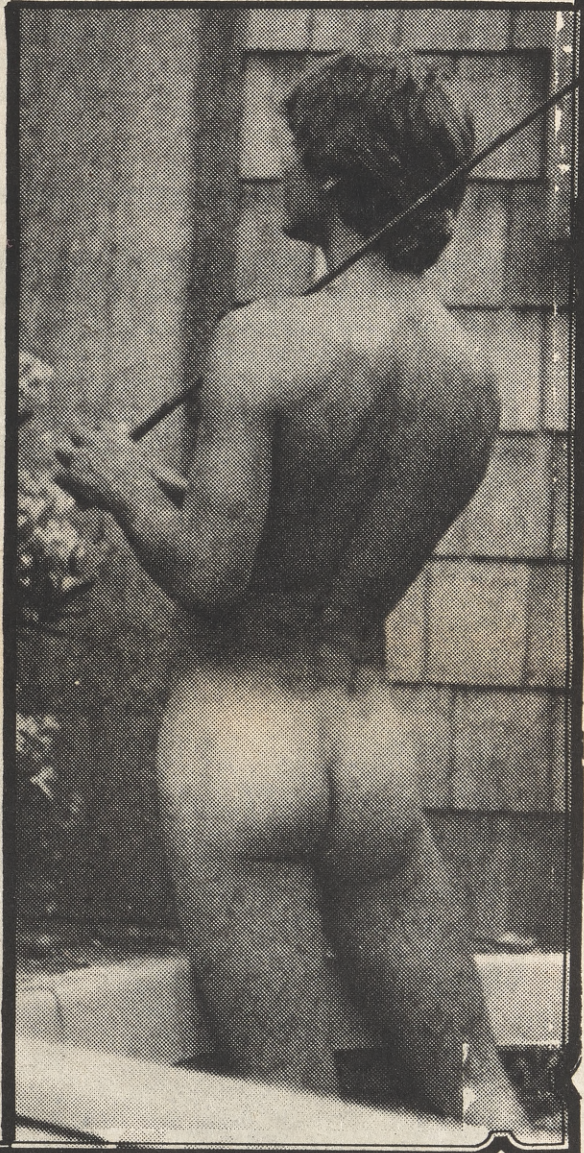
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# CABBAGE PATCH

By Hedda Khajab

There are probably as many favorite chicken recipes as there are people who cook chicken. But since chicken is so versatile, there is always room for another such recipe. In this case, I am recommending the standard amount of curry powder; but for my own taste, I add considerably more. You can adjust this to your own taste.

## Ingredients:

- 3 fresh winter pears
- 3 lb. frying chicken, cut up
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/2 cup orange juice

- 1/2 cup dry white wine or broth
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- Shortening or cooking oil

Mix the flour, salt, pepper, and curry powder. Coat the chicken pieces with this mixture. Melt the shortening in a skillet large enough to hold all of the chicken. Brown the coated pieces in the heated shortening. Combine the juice, wine, and brown sugar. Pour over the browned chicken. Cover and simmer for 25 to 30 minutes or until the chicken is done. Halve and core the pears. Place them, cut side down, in the pan with the chicken. Continue simmering until the pears are tender, about 15 minutes. Serve at once over a bed of hot rice with salad, green vegetable, and white wine.

# MAN-TWO-MAN

Several new men have attended Man Two Man functions during the holidays. Without exception, they commented on their pleasure at being able to socialize with men in a setting which is supportive to the development of meaningful friendships.

The purpose of the group, of course, is to provide gay men a setting in which to meet and share interesting experiences. Recently several strong, masculine voices were raised in a Christmas sing-along. Other activities have included a slide show which was coordinated with classical music; a special punch was also served which caused the participant's spirits to soar. Movies at Home Night continues to be a popular event. The event is held in the home of a member twice a month and movies are selected for showing based on the interests of the participants.

The members of Man Two Man enjoy meeting new men.

A special invitation is extended to men who have not attended previously and want to check out the group.

The calendar of upcoming events is shown below:

## January

- 24 Mon Movies at Home (Bring Munchies)
- 26 Wed Social: Open Night

## February

- 2 Wed Social: Silver Lion Presents
- 7 Mon Movies at Home (Bring Munchies)
- 9 Wed Social: Discussion: Reaching Out
- 16 Wed Social: Potluck Dinner
- 21 Mon Movies at Home (Bring Munchies)
- 23 Wed Social: Amateur Night

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# WOMAN-TWO-WOMAN

A social group for women, which is called Woman Two Woman, is being established by Patlar Enterprises. The group is being formed in response to requests from women for an additional way to meet and socialize.

Woman Two Woman meets in the downtown area of Sacramento on Mondays. The calendar for up-coming events is shown below. For

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## March

- 7 Mon Social: Introduction of Woman Two Woman
- 14 Mon Social: Discussion--What is a Relationship?
- 21 Mon Social: Potluck Dinner
- 28 Mon Social: Open Night

## SACRAMENTO AIDS PROJECT

The Sacramento AIDS Project recently announced that a fundraiser will be held on Thursday, January 27, 1983. The event will be at the Club 21 starting at 9:00 pm. Proceeds will go to the Sacramento AIDS Project to help combat the dread disease that has affected a disproportionate number of gay persons. AIDS, which stands for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, lowers its victims' immunity to diseases.

The fundraiser will be hosted by Mistresses Carole and Kathy. Harvey Thompson and Sandy Pomerantz, two well-known physicians in Sacramento, will discuss AIDS. It is also planned to have other special speakers who will talk about the dangers that AIDS poses, the research that has thus far been conducted, and what the future holds with respect to the condition.

Musical entertainment is planned and will feature talent from Sacramento.

## GAY JUDGE APPOINTED

One of the last acts of California's outgoing Governor Brown was the appointment of Herb Donaldson as a judge in the San Francisco Municipal Court. Donaldson became the first openly gay man to become a judge in San Francisco, apparently only the fourth openly gay judge in the United States.

The appointment of Donaldson, 55, shows how the legal climate has changed for gay persons. About 18 years ago, Donaldson was afraid that his legal career might be on the skids because he had just been arrested by police who were angered when he requested they show a search warrant before raiding a gay event. Such raids were routine at that time.

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The National Center for Disease Control in Atlanta is still a long way away from presenting recommendations concerning control of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). AIDS is characterized by alteration in a person's immune system that puts him at risk of developing a tumor and a variety of infections.

Although the major diseases associated with AIDS are the cancer Kaposi's sarcoma and a lung ailment called pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, recently yet another infection has been identified among AIDS patients. As recently reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association, eight of nine AIDS patients who died at a University of California hospital were found to have disseminated (widespread) infections of the bacterial mycobacterium aviumintracellulare.

As is the case with some of the other opportunistic infections that attack AIDS patients, this strain is found in the everyday environment but normally seldom causes disease in humans. It is unknown, though, what role the mycobacterial infection played in altering the immunity of and causing the deaths of the UC patients, five of whom were gay men. Prompt diagnosis is rarely helpful because these organisms are almost always resistant to most antimycobacterial drugs.

Medical researchers still know little about the cause, mode of transmission, and treatment or cure for AIDS. Although the causative agent is not known, growing evidence suggests it is caused by a transmissible infectious agent.

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AIDS, which kills about 40 percent of its victims, was first identified with gay males, Haitian immigrants, intravenous drug users, and hemophiliacs. AIDS has resulted in almost 300 deaths to date with approximately two new cases being reported each day. Nearly a thousand cases of AIDS have been identified in the past year and a half. The majority have been located in large urban centers such as New York City, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. It is believed that there are another 200 unconfirmed cases and possibly several times that number of people who suffer from the condition but are unaware of it.

The occurrence of AIDS is found to exist among persons who have received blood transfusions or blood products. This includes several infants. Health officials are concerned that the supply of blood for transfusions might become contaminated with the infectious organisms causing AIDS. Some officials have called for tighter controls over screening procedures for blood donors.

Congress passed a Continuing Resolution funding research on AIDS for the rest of the fiscal year which runs through September 30, 1983. The resolution appropriates \$2 million for AIDS research to be conducted by the Center for Disease Control. In fiscal 1982, only \$500,000 for this research was provided. These funds represent a significant increase since there were only two other new healthrelated programs funded during the entire 97th Congress. The CDC funds will be used to expand monitoring activities in an attempt to learn more about the disease.

The Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) has recently announced two new developments in that organization, a new regional office and a new regional director.

The GRNL will be opening a regional office to coordinate its field operations in 12 midwestern states. The states in this region are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. The new office, tentatively scheduled to open sometime this spring, will most likely be located in Chicago.

The new regional director is Tanyan Corman who has been named to head up the West Coast Regional Office. Corman, a community organizer in San Luis Obispo, CA for gay rights and feminist issues, was on the California Democratic State and County Central Committees before moving to San Francisco in March to work as the Assistant Regional Director. Corman's background includes involvement in the civil rights and labor-union movements, the No on 6 Campaign in California, and four months as an intern with a Congressional sub-committee in Washington, D.C.

The West Coast Regional Office is responsible for constituent mobilization in 13 western states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The west-coast office also acts as a liaison between the national office and grassroots organizers.

Persons interested in the West Coast Intern Program or volunteering in the office should contact Corman at the Gay Rights National Lobby, 890 Hayes Street, San Francisco, CA 94117 or call (415) 621-4500 for more information.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

A big change in the way benefit programs are administered has been recommended by the 25-member Governor's Commission on Personal Privacy. The group was formed two years ago by Governor Brown to study how state, federal, and local laws affect individuals because of their sexual orientation.

Recommendations of the Commission reflect the conclusion that the traditional view of "the family" is not how a great many people actually live. The U.S. census in 1980 indicates an increasing number of households that do not conform to the traditional family structure. Between 1975 and 1980, the number of "family" households increased by nine percent, while "non-family" households increased 42 percent. In 1980 there were nearly three million households where there were two unrelated people living together.

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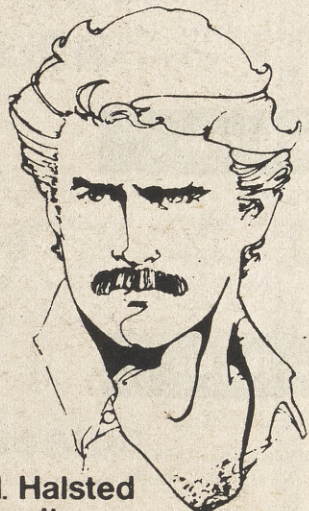
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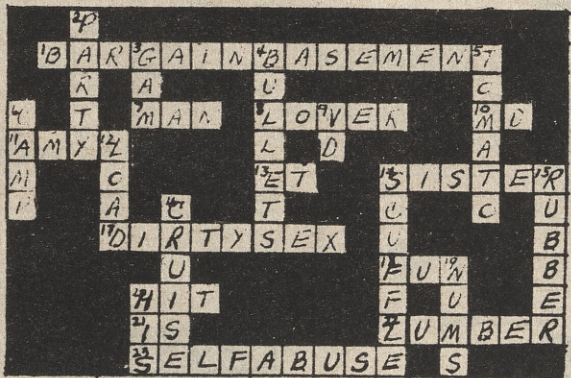
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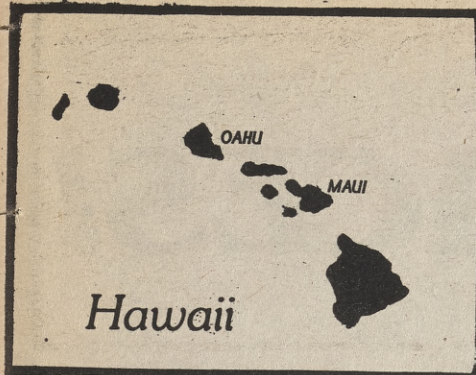
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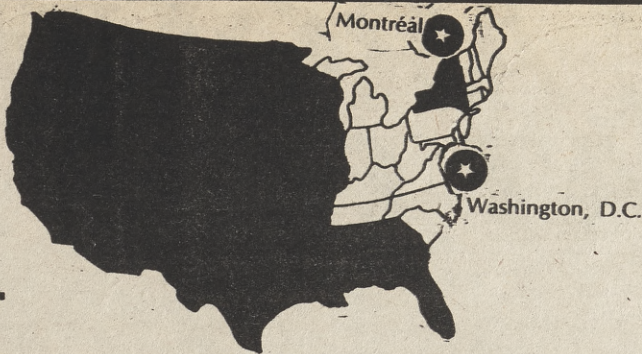
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